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For: **METHOD FOR PRODUCING** )  
**BIOASSAY PLATE BY** )  
**STACKING TWO** )  
**SUBSTRATES TOGETHER** )  
**AND BIOASSAY PLATE**

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1. WO 02/66969
2. JP 2002-85095
3. JP 2003-155300
4. JP 11-94747

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